

Cello Online

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Message from the founder, Chris White:

The future of the festival is currently up in the air. After running the festival for 25 years I have decided to step down as director. We are in discussions with a group of at least 5 people who have expressed an interest in helping to keep the festival going and some other ideas for possible venues. *If you are interested in being part of helping keep the festival going, just let us know – info@newdirectionscello.org* In any case, at this late date, **it looks like there will not be a New Directions Cello Festival in 2020.** ☹



I will not be dropping the ball! I plan to keep the association, the website and the Facebook group page going. I will also be helping with the transition to others running the festival in the future and plan to spend time organizing the archives. The festival has a large amount of audio, video and photos that need to be cataloged. There will definitely be some “best of” releases to come out of this past quarter century of New Directions Cello! **Chris**

NEW DIRECTIONS IN BOSTON!

The 25th annual New Directions Cello Festival took place at **Berklee College of Music** in Boston, June 21-23, 2019. Guest artists and clinicians came from the U.S., Canada, France, Germany, Belgium and Spain. It was the end of an era; in

that it was the last NDCFestival directed by founder Chris White. As usual, there were many great workshops led by the guest artists and guest clinicians and amazing concerts by the guest artists.



Chopping workshop led by Eric Wright



Matthieu Saglio



The Cello Big Band led by Joel Cohen

The 2019 guest artists were: **Rufus Cappadocia** from New York City, **Helen Gillet** from New Orleans, **Matthieu Saglio** from Valencia, Spain, **Eric Wright & Mairi Rankin** from Vermont and Nova Scotia, Canada, **Stephan Braun & Anne-Christin Schwarz** from Berlin, Germany, **Stephen Katz** from Massachusetts and **Vincent Courtois & his Love of Life Trio** from France. Guest clinicians were **Stijn Kuppens** from Belgium, **Gunther Tiedemann** from Germany, **Trevor Exter** from New York and **Mike Block** from Boston. The sheer number of contributing artists was a New Directions record - befitting of the momentous 25th!



Rufus Cappadocia

For more photos of the 2019 festival, please visit <https://newdirectionscello.org/>

All photos by William Staffeld

Finances: On a not-so-positive note, the New Directions Cello Association and Festival is in the red (about \$5,000) from the past two festivals. **Please donate to help us pay our bills.** You can send tax-deductible donations via PayPal to info@newdirectionscello.org or send checks to:

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Deep Strings: Stephan Braun and Anne-Christin Schwartz